



**CitriTest™ HPLC Affinity Column**

## Precise Numerical Results

Citrinin, a toxin from a naturally occurring mold, contaminates rice, wheat, flour, barley, maize, rye, oats, peanuts, and fruit. It is also a widespread contaminant of red rice, which is not only a dietary staple in many Asian countries, but also a main ingredient in many other food products. It is also used in the popular herbal supplement red yeast rice extract which is used to reduce cholesterol levels.

Produced by *Aspergillus ochraceus* and *Penicillium citrinum*, citrinin has been known to cause kidney damage and mild liver damage in livestock and is suspected to cause kidney and liver damage in humans. Because of concerns over citrinin contamination, Japan has issued an advisory limit of 200 ppb and the European Union has a recommended limit of 100 ppb.

Using monoclonal antibody-based affinity chromatography, *CitriTest™ HPLC* is a new HPLC-only test for the detection of citrinin using immunoaffinity columns. Performed in less than 10 minutes, *CitriTest HPLC* can measure levels of citrinin as low as 10 ppb and as high as 500 ppb.

An ideal cleanup step for any HPLC, *CitriTest HPLC* has a long shelf life and provides precise numerical results in parts per billion levels. The preferred test of laboratories around the world, no other test comes close for speed, quantification, and specificity.

### **Benefits:**

**Exclusive** – Specifically for HPLC use

**Convenient** – Uses same methods as other VICAM tests

**Durable** - Long shelf life

**Quick** - 10 minutes to isolate toxin\*

**Wide Range** - Detects levels as low as 10 ppb and as high as 500 ppb

### **Here's How Simple CitriTest HPLC is to Use:**

#### **Extract Sample**

- Grind and weigh sample
- Add methanol/water mixture
- Filter

#### **Dilute and Filter**

- Dilute extract

#### **Absorb and Elute**

- Pass filtrate over *CitriTest HPLC* affinity column
- Wash column
- Elute citrinin and collect in cuvette

#### **Measure**

- Inject into HPLC
- Determine citrinin concentration

\* excludes preparation and extraction

## Ordering Information

Cat. No.	Description
G1070	CitriTest™ HPLC Columns (25 per box)
G1118	WB Column Coupling (6)
G1130	Acetonitrile (4 x 4 L)
G4033	Micro-pipettor, 1 mL
20050	Graduated Cylinder, 50 mL
20100	Digital Scale with AC Adapter
20200	Commercial Blender with Stainless Steel Container
20250	Graduated Cylinder, 250 mL
20656	Micro-pipette Tips for 1 mL Micro-pipettor (100)
21010	Cuvette Rack
21020	Single Position Pump Stand†

Cat. No.	Description
23040	Vortex Mixer
31240	VICAM Fluted Filter Paper, 24 cm (100)
31955	Microfiber Filters, 1.5µm, 11 cm (100)
34000	Disposable Cuvettes (250 per pack)
35016	Methanol, HPLC Grade (4 x 4 L)
36010	Disposable Plastic Beakers (25 per pack)
36020	Filter Funnel, 65 mm (10 per pack)
36022	Filter Funnels, 105 mm (4 per pack)

**Also required; must be sourced locally:**

O-phosphoric acid, HPLC grade  
Distilled, Reverse Osmosis, or Deionized Water

†Multiple position pump stands available

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